



Tennessee Tank Talk

Welcome!

The Division has used many methods over the years to help our regulated community with the requirements of the Tennessee Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Act and the Board's rules *before* a violation exists. Methods and platforms have ranged from publications like the [Standard Inspection Manual](#), videos, mailings, to educational opportunities like new rules webinars, [owner/operator](#) manuals and [Tank School](#).

When violations exist, there can be an increased risk of a petroleum release or undiscovered release. Neither of those outcomes are desirable for our regulated community or the Division. Violations also drive up the costs to tank owners after a petroleum release that can result in a higher Fund deductible. Tennessee is one of the most successful cleanup programs in the country. By maintaining compliance, you help us keep it that way .

Below you will find out more about a new way the Division is reaching out to help our regulated community by sending *Pre-Inspection Notices*. The advance notices are intended to help our owners/operators avoid costly outcomes from violations and ultimately keep Tennessee one of the best places in the nation to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stanley R. Boyd'.

Stanley R. Boyd

Announcing Pre-Inspection Notices for Operational Compliance Inspections

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The 2005 Federal Energy Policy Act requires the Division to inspect all regulated petroleum underground storage tank facilities for regulatory operational compliance at least once every three years. The Tennessee Division of Underground Storage Tanks is committed to providing regulatory operational compliance outreach to tank owners, operators, and stakeholders to reach our common goal of safely storing petroleum in the State of Tennessee. The Division has recently developed a monthly *Pre-Inspection Notice* that is being mailed directly to tank owners. The notices will also be sent by email in the near future.

The Pre-Inspection Notices are provided as advance reminders to the tank owner of an upcoming operational compliance inspection. The notices are sent by the 15th of each month for inspections that can be conducted anytime within the next 6 months. A Division compliance inspector will contact you by phone, email, and/or letter, to schedule the upcoming compliance inspection before the three-year date requirement specified in the Pre-Inspection Notice.

By sending Pre-Inspection Notices well in advance of the three-year compliance inspection date requirement, the Division's is providing tank owners, and/or operators an opportunity to be aware of the upcoming inspection cycle and provide additional time to review and verify the UST system equipment, testing, recordkeeping, and operator training and designation requirements prior to scheduling the inspection. Maintaining regulatory compliance prevents violations and reduces the risks of costly cleanups from potential petroleum releases to the environment.

The following information is provided in the Pre-Inspection Notice:

1. The current Division facility tank and piping equipment records. Division records can updated by submitting an amended notification form ([CN-1260](#)).
2. A summary of the TN Tank Helper records for the facility's Class A and Class B operator designation status and training dates. If operator training records are incorrect or the facility does not have an A/B operator designated, updates can be made using our website, <https://tdec.tn.gov/tankhelper>, to ensure the facility meets operator designee requirements.
3. An Inspection Guide that includes inspection instructions and a list of all equipment types, testing methods and recordkeeping requirements. Be sure to review and verify all testing and recordkeeping are complete for your underground storage tank system(s). If you have any questions, please be sure to call your regional [Environmental Field Office](#) to speak to a compliance inspector to ensure your facility maintains regulatory compliance.

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New Rules Resources

[Division Updates and Outreach](#)

[Current Tennessee UST Rules](#)

[2018 Federal Rule Change Quick Reference Guide](#)

Additional Resources

[Standardized Inspection Manual \(SIM\)](#)

[UST Contact Information](#)

[Contact Your Local Field Office](#)

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